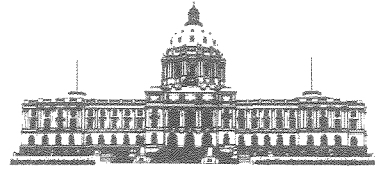


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**Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary**  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group  
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to ask the Commission's help to bring reliable broadband Internet and cell phone coverage in rural communities.

My legislative district, which is located in southern Minnesota, includes two regional centers – Fairbault and Owatonna. These two communities are surrounded by small towns and farms. The lack of good telecommunications services is a problem for ambulance crews, state and county police and others that must respond swiftly to emergency situations. It also limits the types of employers that can start and grow in rural communities. This is a big barrier to economic growth and job creation in communities already facing challenges growing their economy.

I understand that the Commission is currently reviewing an application by LightSquared to turn on a nationwide satellite network that will address this lack of access. This is good news, since the small rural communities I represent are lagging behind urban centers in technology jobs and good cell coverage.

I also understand that the GPS industry has expressed concern that LightSquared's signals may interfere with GPS signals. Since these GPS devices were programmed by the manufacturers to receive signals in LightSquared's authorized space, they should take steps to remedy their devices. In the meantime, I encourage the Commission to move without delay to expand cell and wireless Broadband coverage in rural America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Parry', with a stylized, cursive script.

Senator Mike Parry



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